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1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 13 WITH AYKAZYAN (FIRST GOOD OPPORTUNITY SINCE HIS RETURN FROM US), ACTING SCICOUNS RAISED MATTER OF TSAO'S NOT RECEIVING VISA. AYKAZYAN EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET OVER THIS SLIP-UP IN VISA SUPPORT BY SOVIET SIDE DURING HIS ABSENCE. SAID THAT IF TSAO WERE ABLE TO COME ANYTIME IN DECEMBER, AYKAZYAN WOULD PERSONALLY ENSURE PROMPT AND POSITIVE ACTION. UPON BEING INFORMED ALSO THAT WE WERE AWAITING SHENDEREY'S RESPONSE TO LEISE LETTER, AYKAZYAN SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP BUT NOTED THAT SHENDEREY HAS BEEN OUT ILL.

2. AYKAZYAN'S REACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH BEREZIN'S EXPRESSION OF EXASPERATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN WE FIRST INFORMED HIM TSAO UNABLE COME BECAUSE VISA NOT AVAILABLE. BEREZIN SAID HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH TSAO AND HAD THOUGHT ALL WAS IN ORDER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF
RESCHEDULING TSAO VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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